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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Frederick, MD 21701

Dear Mr. Weisberg,

On 1 April 1977 this Service received notification from the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), via the Chief of Naval Operations, that you were one of a number of persons who had made requests to the CIA, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), for Warren Commission documents.

During the processing of those requests the CIA discovered Navy and Marine Corps originated documents responsive to those requests in their files. Those documents, which primarily refer to Lee Harvey Oswald, were referred to this Service for processing and a direct response to each individual who had made a request.

The 1974 Amendments to the Freedom of Information Act provide for a liberal release of federal records unless they fall within specified exemptions. Therefore, I approve release, and forward herewith, all of the documents referred by the CIA, except excisions have been made to delete information, the release of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of the privacy of individuals other than Lee Harvey Oswald. These excisions were made under the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552 (b)(7)(C).

The above mentioned excisions were made on the first two pages of the enclosed material. The excisions consisted of the name and/or personal identifier (Military Service Number) of an individual who was not determined to be involved with the defection of Lee Harvey Oswald, and a personal identifier (Military Service Number) of John Edward Pic.

The excisions represent a denial under the Freedom of Information Act. I am the official responsible for this denial determination. You may appeal this decision within 120 days to the Secretary of the Navy. Such appeal must be in writing and clearly indicate that it is made under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. The appeal must fully describe the circumstances of your request and the initial denial. This may be done by attaching a copy of this letter. The

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appeal to the Secretary of the Navy should be addressed to The Judge Advocate General (Code 14L), Department of the Navy, Washington, D.C., 20370.

The amendments to the Freedom of Information Act provide for reasonable reproduction fees. I am waiving the fees in this case as they are minimal.

Sincerely,

L. E. CONNELL
Captain, U. S. Navy
Director,
Naval Investigative Service

Encl:
(1) Releasable documents